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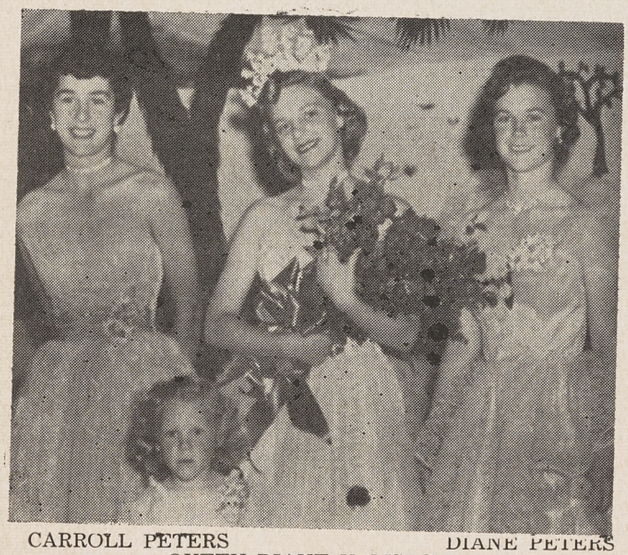

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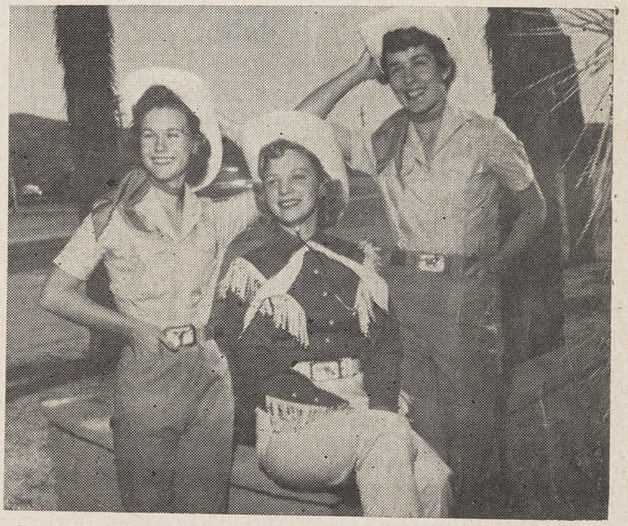

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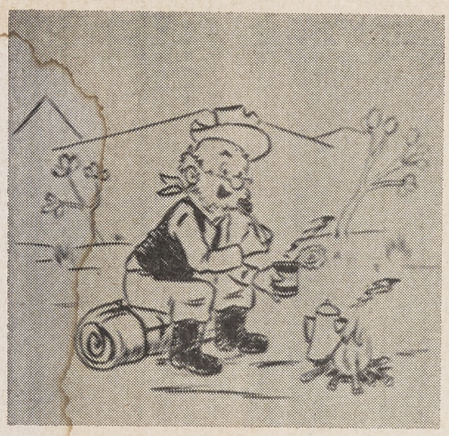
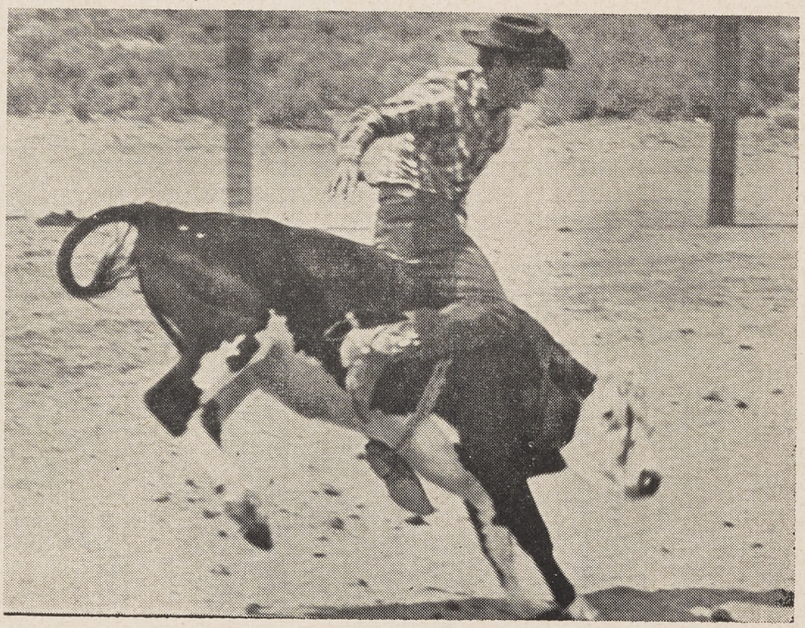
Grubstake Days — Its Origin and Its Place in the Sun



Five short years ago, the California mining council, asked the leading citizens of our fair community, if it would be possible to hold their convention here in Yucca Valley. The answer was yes and Grubstake Days were born. The idea, like a forest fire, was fanned until it swept the community with unbelievable enthusiasm. Instead of a two day convention, an annual event was under way. A parade and Gymkhana were planned and both went off with such a professional air, that it was obvious to see that the event was destined for nation-wide publicity in years to come. The show has grown in leaps and bounds the past four years. Each year has seen more planning and more expansion of program until now we arrive at year number five. This year starts an entirely new policy with a permanent Grubstake Days committee. With this decision more cooperation than ever was forth coming, to put on the program outlined on pages 16 and 17. As you will see as you read this book, Grubstake Days like Yucca Valley is a fast growing project!



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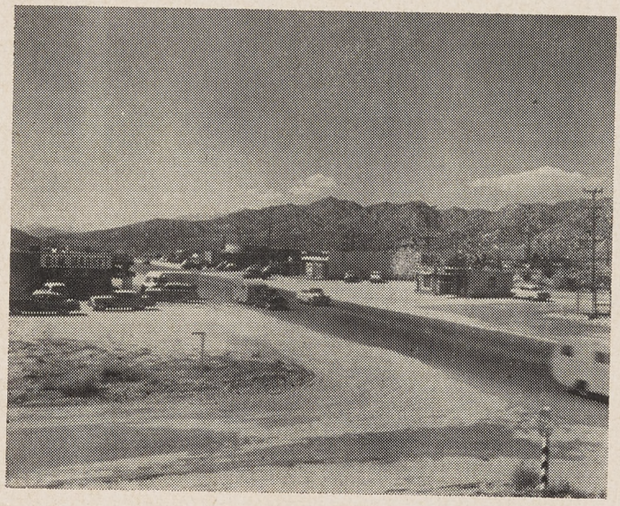

It is with pride that The Grubstake Days Committees welcome you to our fair community of YUCCA VALLEY, the HUB of the Hi-Desert. With an altitude ranging from 3300 feet to 3400 feet, we boast of a climate that is cool in the summer, free of fog and smog, and according to government survey a very healthy place in which to be happy. The low humidity the year around makes tor comfort. The purest water to be found and the clean air and unobstructed sun makes for a very healthy place to live. As you pass through this book you will see and read about the various scenes, facts (historic and present) and other prominent events which cover Yucca Valley and her friendly neighbors to the west, north and east. Thanks for visiting us and although we are sure you will return soon, once again we wish to say "HURRY BACK."

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3. *Asthmatic and heart conditions*
4. *Stomach disorders*
5. *Sinus and numerous respiratory ailments*

Seeing is believing, and although the U. S. Government scientists say that Yucca Valley is America's finest health center, the living proof is daily walking, working and playing in and around us each and every day. What were once extreme cases of Arthritis, Tuberculosis, Asthma and heart conditions, are now happy and active citizens of Yucca Valley, Queen of the Desert.

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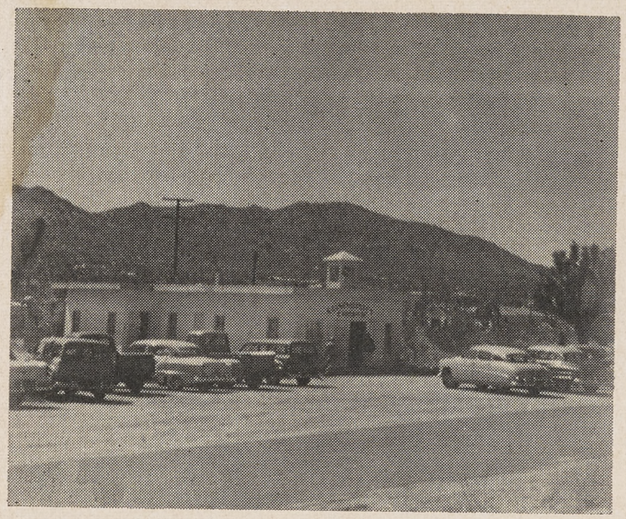

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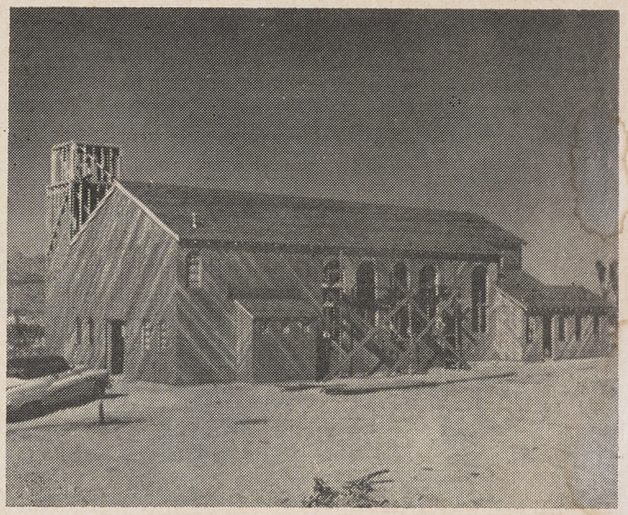

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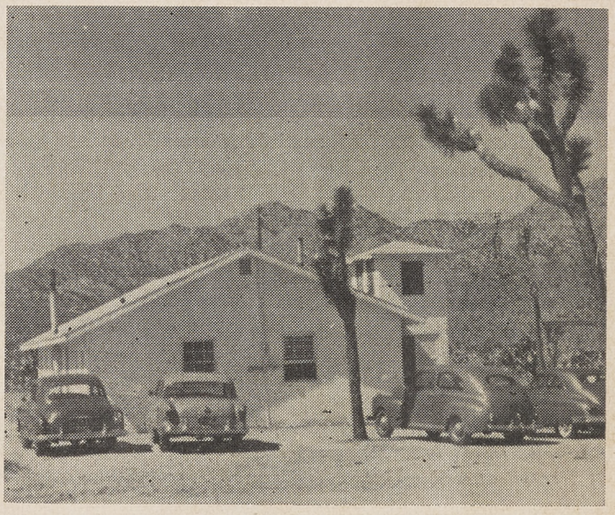

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Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ
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Plans for building are on drawing board.

Desert Christ Park

Desert Christ Park

A fellow once dreamed of a grand peaceful world
With banners of brotherhood ever unfurled,
A world that had banished its hatreds and fears,
A world freed of tensions and terrors and tears.

He fashioned an object of concrete and steel
To staunchly present his conviction and zeal;
The model he chose was the great Prince of Peace
Just standing there bidding all hatreds to cease.

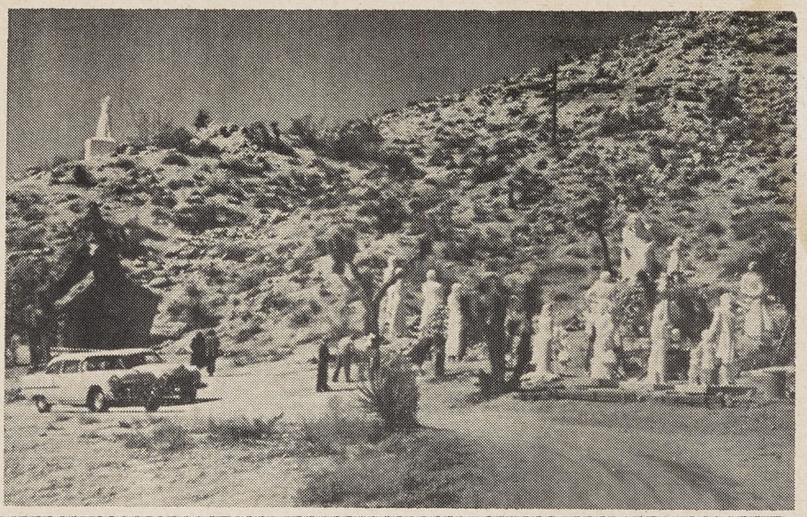
Then learned to his sorrow the world wanted not
This emblem of peace in their crass polyglot,
"Oh! Peace? Well, tomorrow. Why bother today?"

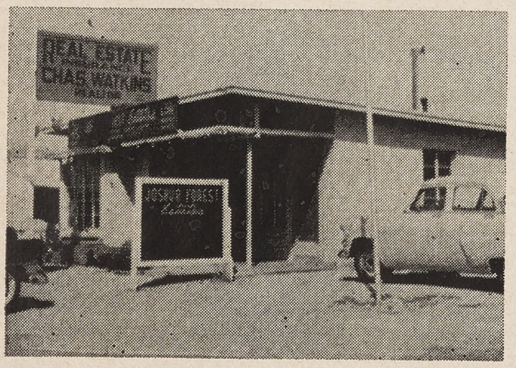
At last came a parson who wore overalls,
The kind the profession infrequently calls;
He said he could place it out here 'mong the hills
With nature's fine backdrop, the grandeur that thrills.

More objects were added to dot the hillside
And strengthen the message that peace must abide;
And guiding all souls that are seeking the light
A cross like a beacon gleams out of the night.

The folks built a chapel for those who would wed
To make it impressive when "I do's" are said.
We hope your best wishes will ever attend,
The while we shall labor with joy to the end.

Antone Martin





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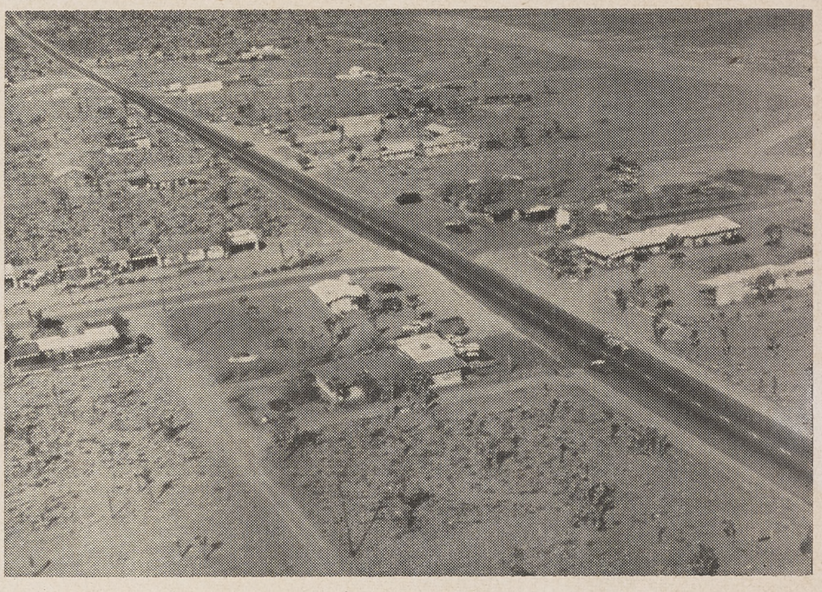

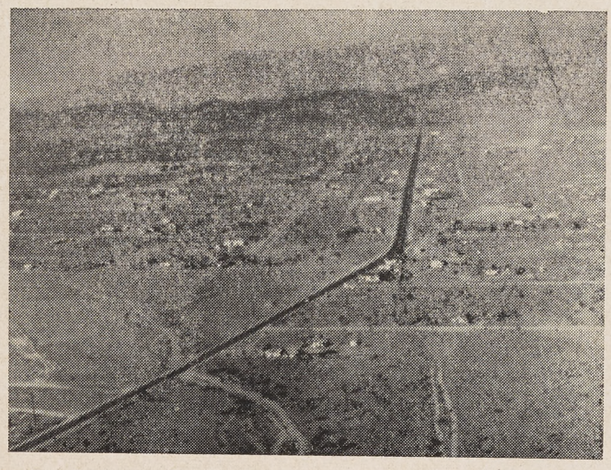

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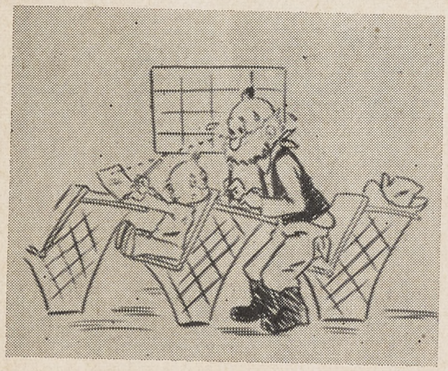

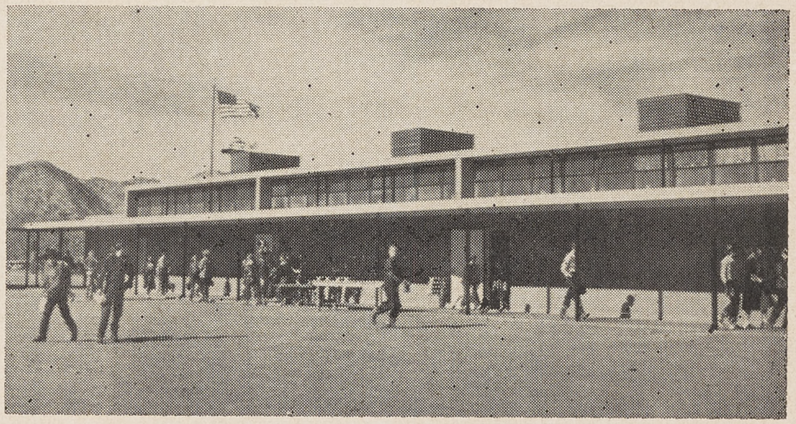

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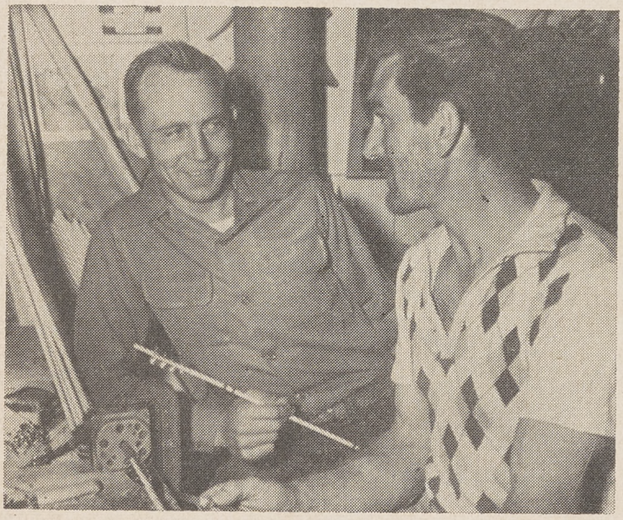

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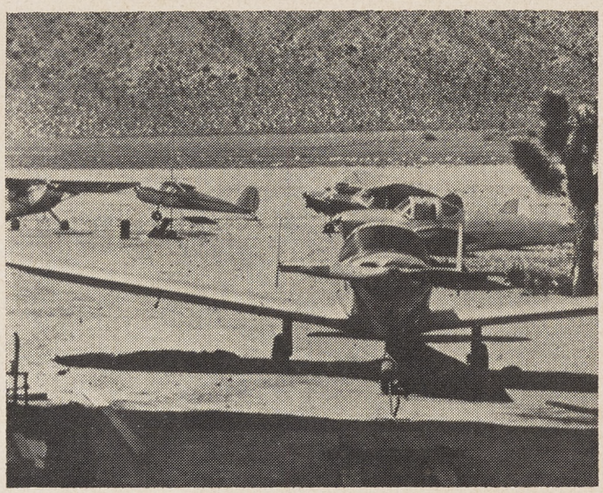

How to Check Out and Fly a World War I Jenny.

1. Inspection — Do Not! If you should, you would never get into it.
2. Entering cockpit — Do not step on lower wing panel. It will either fall off or your foot will go through the wing and sprain your ankle.
3. Instruments — Look at them — Both, that is! On the left the tachometer, the background a little soiled, no glass, but so what; it doesn't work anyhow. The other is the altimeter, in perfect condition, except no hands. Take a good look, after the engine starts you can't see them.
4. Warm up. It is advisable to eliminate this procedure. Engine running time is at a premium. More valuable in the air than on the ground.
5. The flight. Particularly good for those over weight. If the shaking won't take off weight, the scare will.
6. The landing. Done strictly in accordance with the laws of gravity. If the landing gear holds up on the first bounce, your worries are over. It won't on the second. After you crawl out, even though you don't smoke, place a cigarette in your mouth and run, don't walk away before you lite it.

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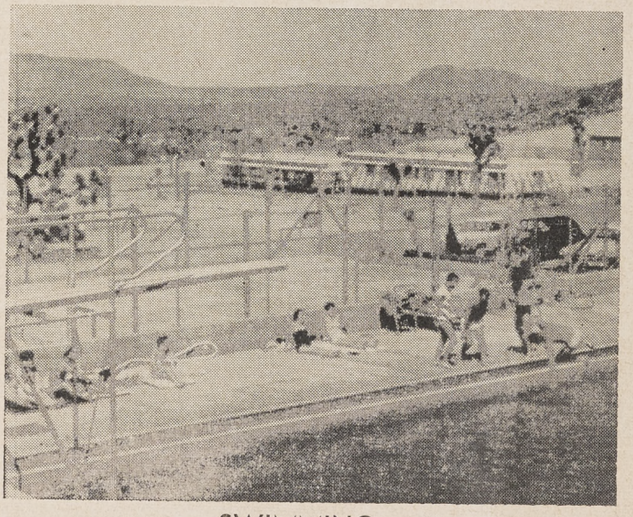

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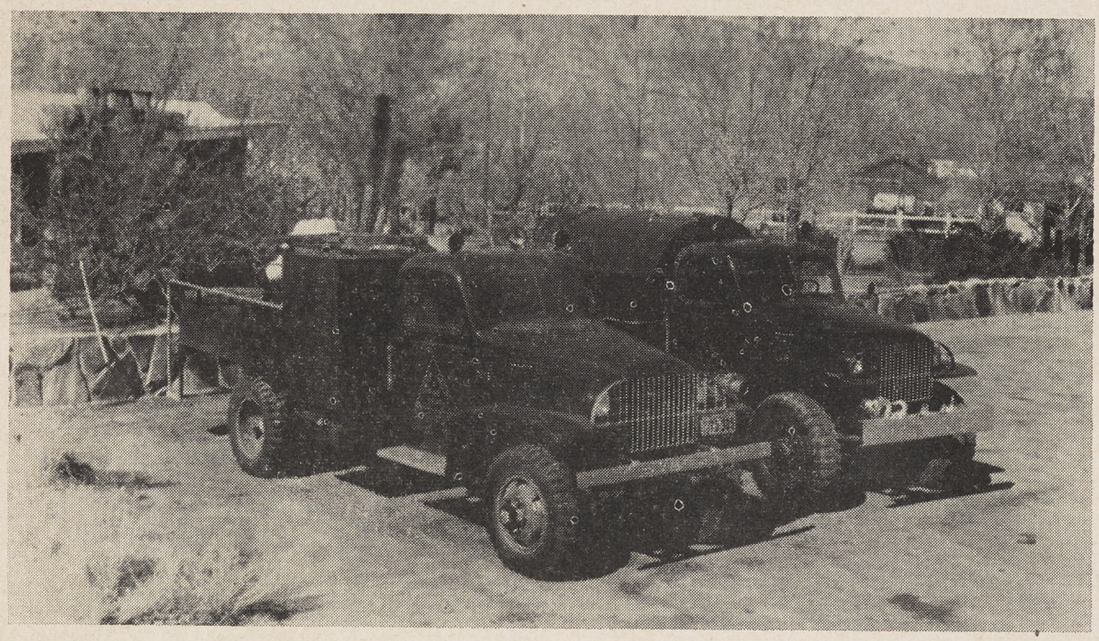

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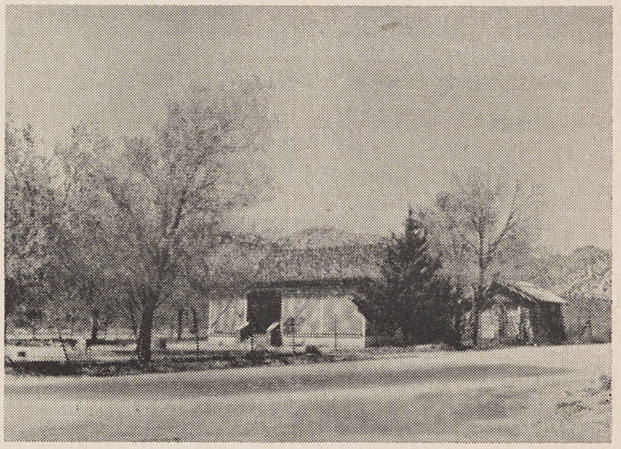


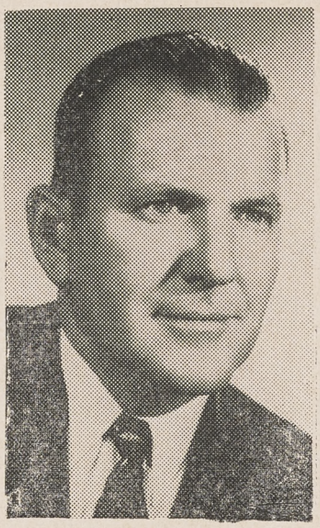
Proposed Park

Community spirit and cooperation has made it possible for this community to own two fully equipped fire trucks, a new cement block fire house and the location for fire house No. 2. There is also a park project under way that should be completed this year.

Sheriff Bland — Grand Marshal

FIFTH ANNUAL GRUBSTAKE DAYS

Born in Needles, California, in 1914 this young man has made an enviable record in the past few years. Attending school in California he attained a record that brought his selection as a student in the F B I National Police academy, Washington, D.C. After graduation he spent a brief term with the Needles police force before being called to active FBI duty. In 1943 he volunteered his services to the U. S. Marine Corps. While serving overseas he was appointed Police Chief of Needles where he served until his recent successful campaign when he was elected sheriff of San Bernardino county and took office on January 3, 1955.



SHERIFF BLAND

The San Bernardino County Sheriff's Posse was founded in 1952 and this organization is one of the finest in Southern California. They have been indispensible in serving the Sheriff on many emergency occasions and by giving their time wholeheartedly they have become a valuable asset to the Sheriff and the public.

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al Grubstake Days Program

GYMKHANA PROGRAM

1. Grand Entry

2. Stake Race - Women

(Race starts in center of arena, race to north end of arena, then race to the finish line in center of arena. 3 start at a time. Run-off between winners.)

3. Stake Race - Men

(Details same as for Stake Race — Women)

4. Junior Horsemanship (14 and under)

5. Broom Polo:

(4 on each team. 2 teams play 4 minutes, then 2 other teams play 4 minutes. Then the 2 winners play 4 minutes.)

6. Stock Horse Contest

7. Fast Reining (Against Time)

8. Rescue Race:

(Man rescues girl. Girl waits at far end of arena, man races to girl, dismounts, girl gets in saddle, man swings on back, races to starting point.)

9. Boot Race:

(Riders' boots are placed at far end of arena, riders race to their boots and put them on, race back to starting point.)

10. Musical Chairs:

(Tied reins, ride on lope outside of chairs, last person out wins.)

11. Potato Race:

(Race from starting point to opposite end of arena spear potatoes and return to starting point.)

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GRUBSTAKE DAYS PARADE DIRECTOR CHERIE BELCHER

On her famous horse Taffy she has entered numerous parades in California and has won many trophies in both Indian and Spanish classes. This is her second year as parade director of the Yucca Valley Grubstake Days.

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GRUBSTAKES DAYS COMMITTEE

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BILL PHILLIPS

Whose home is in Glendale, California, is riding "Corky". Bill is a well known horseman in Southern California and rides in all major events. He has been a Marshall in the Pasadena Tournament of Roses parade for the past few years, and has recently won first in the silver parade horse class at Yuma, Arizona. Bill will be riding full silver, which is valued at $50,000 and is studded with rubies and emeralds. This elaborate custom made equipment was very recently exhibited in England in the memory of the late Gene Gray (Silver King of the Cowboys), just being recently returned from England.

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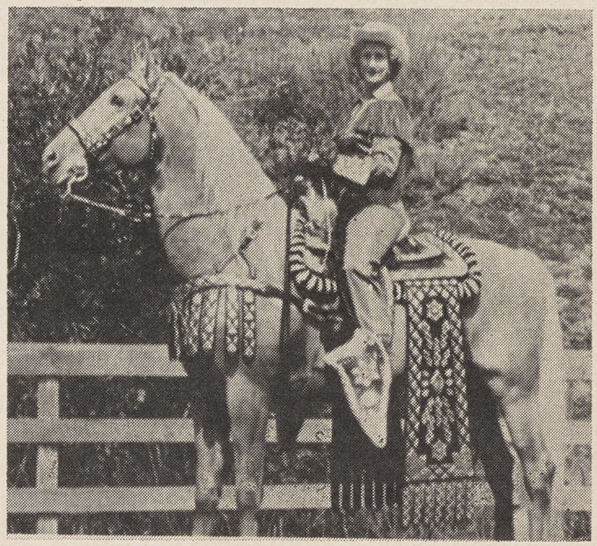

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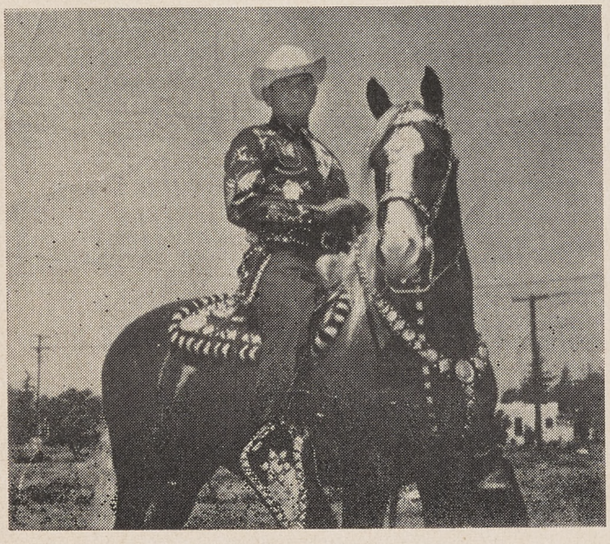

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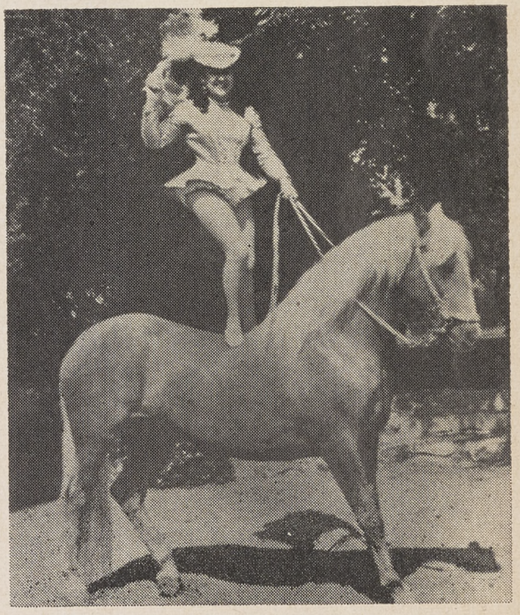
FRANK BETTENCOURT

Resides at Lemon Grove, California. He is Marine Agent for the Richfield Oil Corporation. Frank has shown horses since 1942. His Pinto mare "Dame of Fortune" and Palomino stallion, "Napoleon Knight," won the San Diego county championships for the year 1949 and 1950, winning Frank literally a houseful of trophies and ribbons. This fine horseman is retired from the show ring, but is still a full fledged horse show judge and is now riding in parades as a hobby.



ARDITH DIEMERE

Recently appeared on TV with her horse "Shamrock", doing the Polka to music. This young lady rides in all major parades and has won many trophies and ribbons in the Fiesta classes as an Indian girl and the Gay Nineties costumes.

EARL ALLEN

Whose home is in Lakeside, California, will ride his Palomino stallion "Alla's Golden Emblem". He is a successful Realtor with his place of business in Lakeside. Earl is a very prominent horseman, riding in all major events in Southern California. Also, he is Parade Chairman of the Annual Coronado Fourth of July celebration, and is Director of the San Diego Toyland Parade each year.

HAZEL KIRKPATRICK

Hails from Chatsworth, California. She is a very prominent horsewoman and rides in all major events; has won many trophies in the Spanish classes. For the past 2 years she has won trophies at the Sheriff's Rodeo at the Los Angeles Colosseum for the Silver Single Spanish Ladies class. Miss Kirkpatrick will ride a "White Leather" side saddle. This saddle at one time belong to Lucky Baldwin's daughter "Anita."

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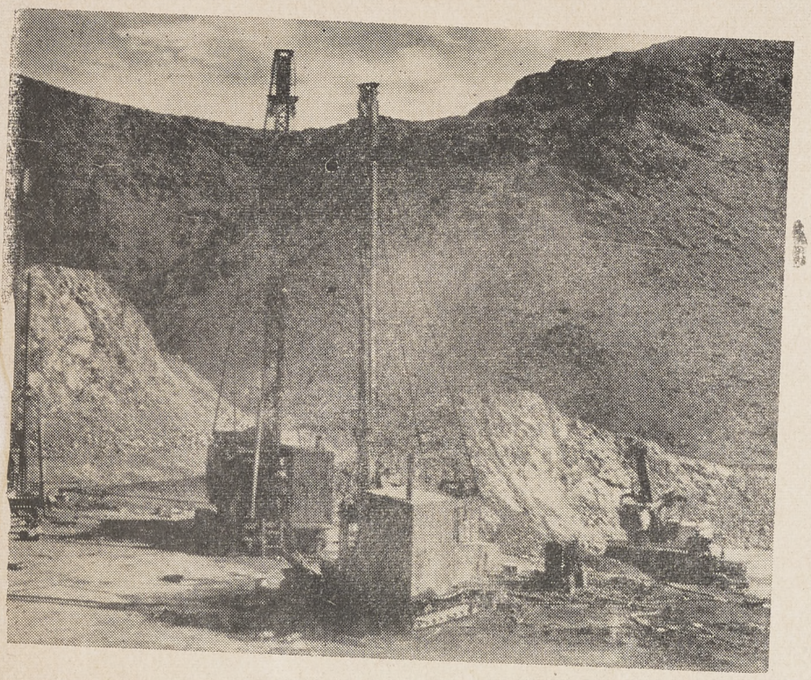

Mining has always been of vital interest to desert communities all over California, Arizona and Nevada. In years gone by gold, iron and copper were the main mining interests. Then when mining operation costs increased, the small claim owners were forced into retirement, leaving mining to Hi-grade ore mines only. Then came the atomic age and a new boom in mining. Uranium is and has been for the past year a much sought after mineral. Locally there are numous claims in various stages of operation. The actual value of the area has not as yet been determined, however the prospector's prospects have a very favorable outlook.

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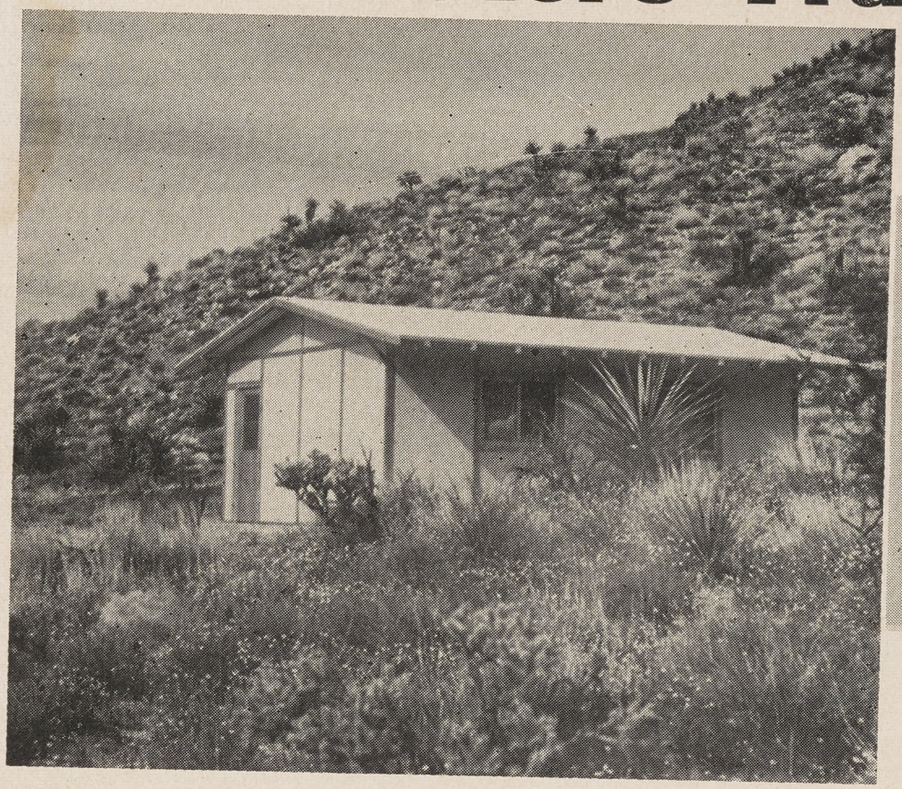

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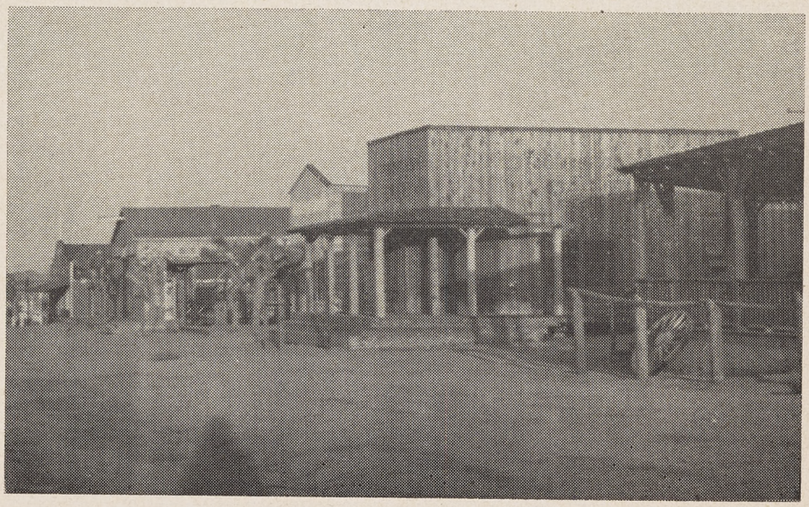

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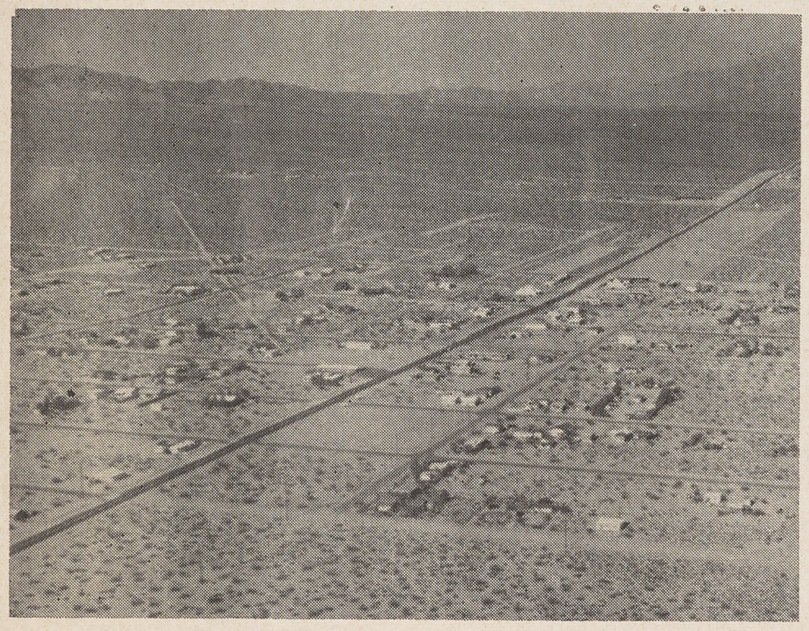

Six miles to the east of Yucca Valley, lies the community of Joshua Tree. With an elevation of 3000 feet, and located on the very edge of the famous Joshua Tree National Monument, Joshua Tree boasts a year around climate with wonderful water and fog and smog-free air. Joshua Tree is the home of the now famous Turtle Races held annually on the 1st Sunday in May.

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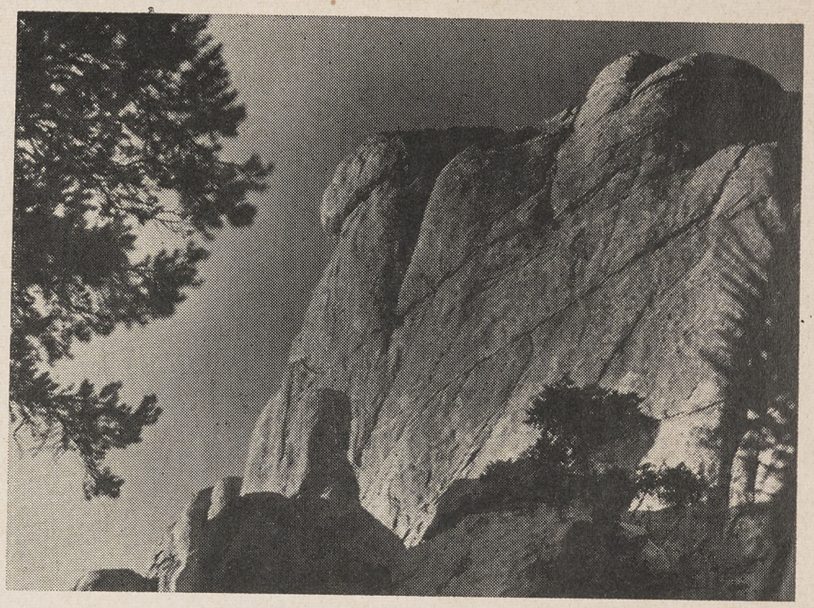
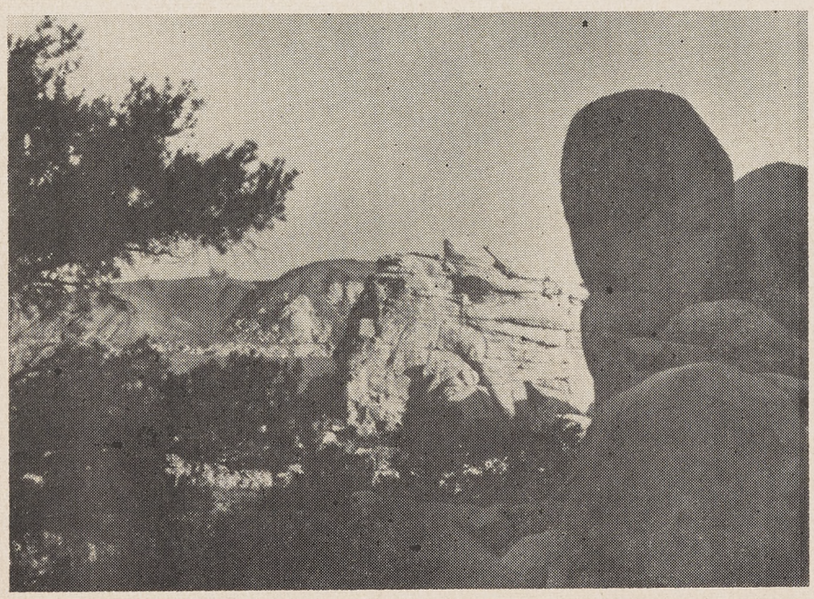


Yucca Valley's southern border lies on the edge of the Joshua Tree National Monument. This park contains many useful as well as scenic values. There are numerous camp sites available for the public's use. From a scenic standpoint, one needs but to drive a very few minutes within its boundaries to realize they are within a fantasy of stone, giant trees, strange vegetation and interesting wildlife.

There are numerous and interesting places, such as Hidden Valley, Split Rock and Giant Boulder, some 120 feet long with evidence of its origin plainly visible above. We might also visit entrancing Salton, or as the old timers say, Keye's View. From this vantage point, one may see many natural wonders of God in the snow capped peaks of San Jacinto and San Gorgonio mountains, the latter being the tallest mountain in Southern California, towering 11,485 feet into the sky. Both of these mountains usually have snow-capped peaks the year round.

Dropping our view to the floor of the valley we see Palm Springs, Indio, North Palm Springs, Desert Hot Springs and the entire Coachella Valley. The symmetric patterns of date farms and other agricultural projects make a very beautiful and unusual design in the carpet that covers this rich agricultural valley. Further south our eyes pick up the famous Salton Sea stretching for miles into the background. The history of this sea is so fabulous and lengthy that we can only advise that you look it up in your library. Looking still farther south, it is possible to view Signal Mountain, 95 airline miles away, on the U.S. and Mexican border. Returning to the Monument we find that it covers over one half million acres of majestic trees, rocks and foilage. This acreage makes a perfect refuge for the wildlife that abounds within its boundaries, wild horses, burros, big horn sheep, mountain goats, mountain lions or cougars, coyotes, bob cats and many smaller forms of wild life. Other side trips take us down to a little lower level, where the ocotillo and cholla gardens make us wonder how they can grow in such heavy clusters, as here they are so dense it is impossible to walk through.



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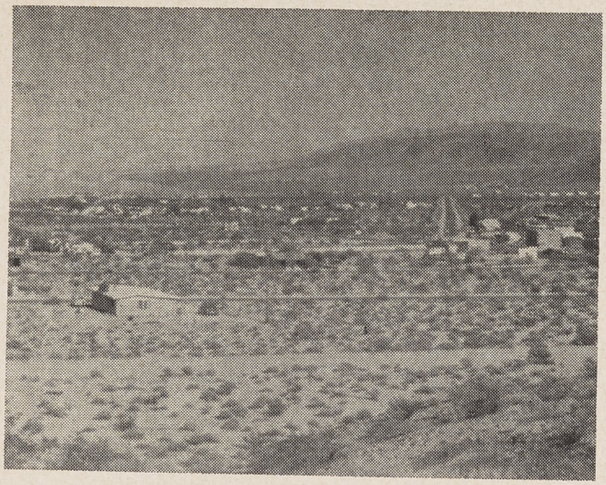

29 Palms was formerly the end of the line to visitors of the Hi-Desert area. From Las Vegas, Needles, Parker or points east, time and miles may be saved on any trip to Southern California. From San Diego, Imperial and Coachella valleys and the San Bernardino and Los Angeles areas, times and miles can be saved and scenic beauty unsurpassed. The main entrance to the largest Marine Training Center, is just 5 short miles from the heart of town. In the fall of the year 29-Palms holds it; annual Pioneer Days celebration and attracts great throngs from far and wide.

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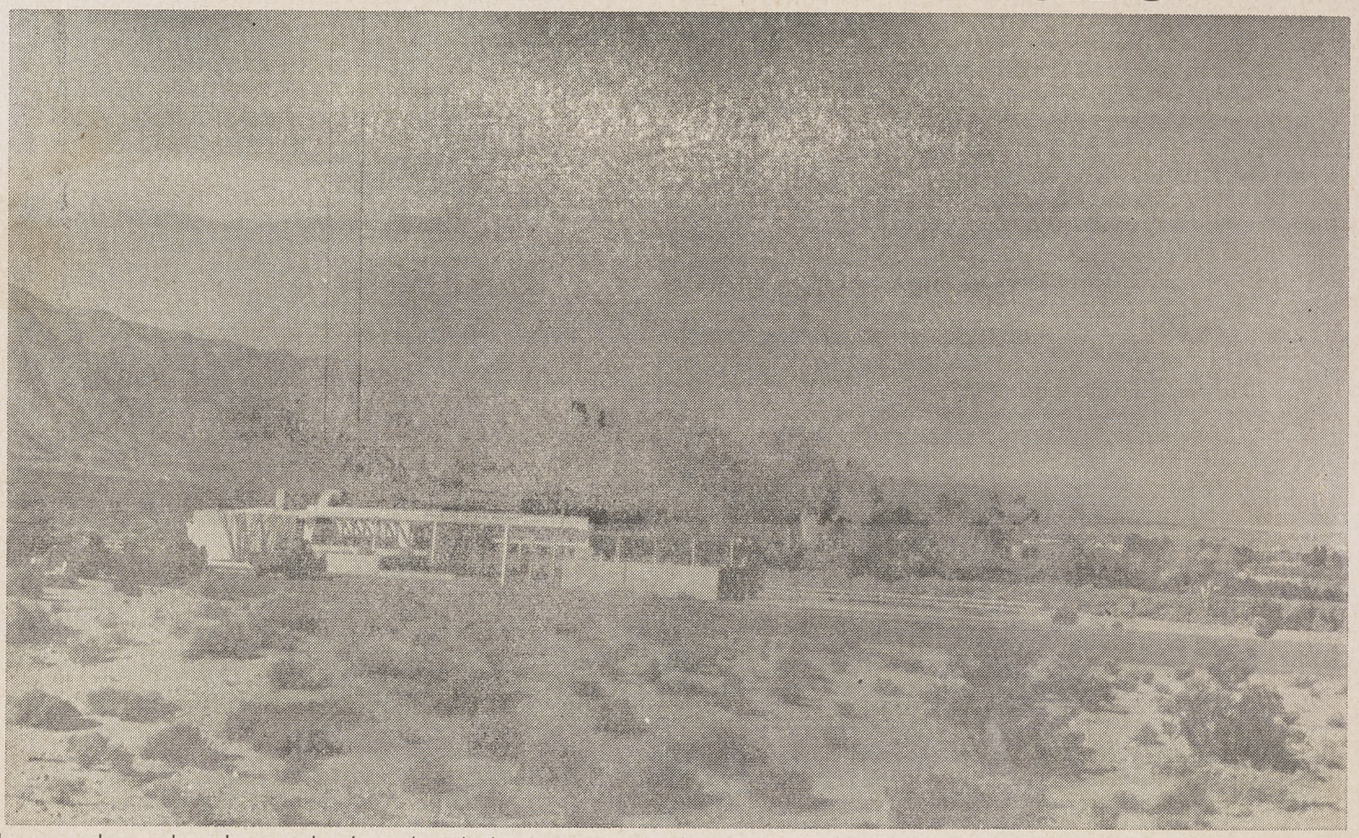
The Oasis of Mara



Numerous changes have been made, down through the decades, in the legend that covers this historic spot. It would seem that the white man has exacted his toll once again. Believe it or not, the city of 29-Palms used to be Palm Springs. But let us go still further back in history. This oasis, to the early Indians of the Chemahewi tribe, was the heart of their village. Reaching as far back as 1775 there are records to show that Indians were farmers wherever possible. The Indian farmland around the oasis was fed by gravity flow from an Indian made lake on the high ground to the south. This in turn was springfed. This farmland for years was known as the Indian Meadows. Mah-rah as the Indians called the oasis meant much water and grass. This name being too long for the white man was changed to Mara. An interesting note here is, the name Morongo probably came from the Indian words Mah rah en ga meaning Big Springs and much grass. The name of 29-Palms apparently came about at a time when the oasis had but 29 full fledged palms. Some of the originals were used for mining purposes and in one known instance the Indians used one as a giant torch to light the way of their departed chief into the Spirit World. This oasis, rich in Indian lore and legend, and now bearing far more than 29 Palms, is now a part of the Park System of the Department of the Interior.

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